

**BUILDERS CHARGE
HIGH COST STOPS
WORK ON SCHOOLS**

**Senate Committee Takes
Testimony of Big
Contractors.**

High costs of school buildings in Washington were blamed largely by witnesses before the Senate District Subcommittee on schools yesterday.

Henry Wardman, C. D. Wise, V. E. Mooney, George E. Wyne and E. W. Davis gave the committee data on price fluctuations and prospects for the school building program, for which an initial \$2,000,000 emergency appropriation is asked by the District Commissioners and school officials.

Construction Costs High.

Wardman said the lack of provisions for assisting home buyers had caused considerable loss in the handling of this kind of development and said the difficulty of selling homes was one of the causes of the house shortage generally. Other cities have arrangements for the handling of deferred payments, declared Wise, who quoted figures voluminously to show the high prices of construction here. A school building that would cost \$12,000 in October, 1919, he said, costs \$15,000 now, while the normal price would be about \$9,000.

Carpenters who received \$4 a day before the war, now receive \$8.40; bricklayers who formerly received \$5 a day, are paid \$10 now, while ordinary labor that was \$1.25 is now from \$2.25 to \$4 a day per man. In common labor there has been a reduction on some jobs in Washington from \$4 to \$3.25, but no changes have been noted in skilled labor since the war. Wise favored some organized steps for the handling of home-buying. If a further drop in prices came, he said, it would mean better business, but he was unable to say when that would come.

Denies Combine Here.

Senator Capper inquired if there existed any organization of contractors or builders that could be regarded as a combine in restraint of trade, and was told that the only organization among contractors was one that posts its members on the labor situation and adjusts difficulties with labor bodies.

Mooney testified that the building rates in Washington are about 51 cents per square foot, whereas it was 18 cents at one time. There was the possibility of a reduction in materials, he said, but it depended largely upon transportation costs. When asked by Senator Capper if the schools of the city are in bad condition, Mooney said building conditions are run down on account of the high costs. He said prices are off 25 to 30 cents compared to what they were last year, and he hoped for a reduction in former costs, explaining that labor is plentiful.

Like Other Cities.

"Are conditions here as favorable as elsewhere?" Mooney was asked by Chairman Capper.

Like other cities, he said, "Large cities have conditions that are about the same as those in Washington," he replied. "We have to buy some materials elsewhere, in the same markets where they are bought by other cities."

Wyn gave figures on steel, brick and other materials, saying steel that formerly cost \$20 a ton is now \$110, brick that was \$9 a thousand are now \$20 and he saw no prospect of a reduction within a year.

Davis said that so far as he knew there was the stiffening of competition among contractors and builders, indicating the high cost of building are not due to any combine. Lumber has undergone a reduction, but is still very high, he said, compared to rates of normal times.

**SAYS DISTRICT CAN
GAIN STATEHOOD
THROUGH CONGRESS**

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If Prof. Perry's theory, of which I know something, will bring this about, then I am for it and will assist wherever possible to bring it to the front.

Jesse C. Suter, vice president of the District Federation of Citizens' Associations, said: "While I do not believe that the District's present need is the establishment of a sovereign State, I do believe that the District deserves some recognition in the Congressional bodies and a vote in the electoral college."

"At present I am greatly in favor of the Borough's resolution, which will give the District Congressional representation, a vote in the electoral college, and status in Federal courts as the residents of the sovereign States. This plan will not interfere with the District relations to the other States of the Union, as the acting up of a sovereign State would do."

Refers to Critics of 1893.

"In Story's Constitutional Law, reference is made to a criticism urged in 1893 against the exclusive control by Congress over the District of Columbia as tending to foster an oligarchy and diffuse important changes through our democratic government," Prof. Perry points out. "The growth of Federal authority may be attributed in small degree to its separate and independent existence in the District of Columbia. The creation of the State of Columbia would check further Federal growth along these lines and would add another commonwealth to jealously guard State life."

Prof. Perry cites the portion of the Constitution regarding the admission of new States to the Union, which state that new States may be admitted by Congress but that no new State may be formed within the jurisdiction of any other State, nor by the junction of two or more States, or parts of States without the consent of the legislatures of the States concerned and Congress.

Cites Original Grants.

"No other limitations are placed on Congress," he says, "regarding the admission of new States. There is no clause which expressly authorizes Congress to limit the power of the States in the admission of new States."

He then recited the Federal Constitution, which states that the District of Columbia shall be "as near as may be" to the other States of the Union, and that it shall have "all the rights and privileges of States, except such as shall be expressly delegated to the National Government."

ZEBRA IS PUZZLING ANIMAL



Stripes that won't come off.

Question: Is the zebra white with black stripes or, is he black with white stripes?

You don't know! Well you must be ignorant! Even Mr. Edison the inventor did not deem the question hard enough to be put on his famous list of "If you can't answer these you are ignorant" questions, which have been puzzling everybody from college professors down.

The puzzling animal whose picture you see above is one of the group of eight trained zebras with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Combined Circus showing in Washington next Monday and Tuesday. Purchasing agents for the big circus were in town yesterday buying supplies from local merchants for the hundreds of animals traveling with the show.

**RED CROSS RAPPED
BY WAR MOTHERS**

**New Jersey Women Criticize
Care of Veterans at
Staten Island.**

Criticism of the Red Cross treatment of service men in hospitals was expressed by a delegation of forty-one New Jersey war mothers last night at the meeting of the District War Mothers in the Thompson School. The criticisms were based chiefly on observations made in the Fox Hill's hospital on Staten Island.

Reports were read from the various committees of the District War Mothers. Especially noteworthy was the report on the hospitalization work that is being done in all of the hospitals here in which there are world war veterans.

One report announced the prospective arrival next Tuesday in Hoboken of the transport Wheaton bringing the bodies of the 6,000 soldiers, making 23,000 that have been returned of the 45,000 whose return has been requested of the War Department.

Greetings were brought from the New Jersey War Mothers by the State president, Mrs. James L. Cline, after which many Mothers from New Jersey gave accounts of the work being done by their State organizations.

**MRS. BERGDOLL
HOLDS SECRET
OF BURIED GOLD**

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expert legal adviser to Gibboney. She said she was fearful that Gibboney "didn't know enough law."

Later on she thought it was strange that Judge Wescott didn't seem to take any part in the case and remarked on it to Capt. Bruce Campbell, the military lawyer in the Bergdoll case, she said.

"It's best that Judge Wescott stay in the background," Campbell said, according to Mrs. Bergdoll.

She told the committee she had never heard of Grover's pot of gold until after he had escaped. When he came to Philadelphia from Fort Jay the day before his escape, she thought he was "on furlough," she said.

Plants Flowers by Stars.

On the day he made his getaway, she consulted the stars, and found it would be a good time to plant flowers, so she went into the garden and did considerable planting. When she returned to the house, she said, Romig and Gibboney went to her and said, "Was he gone?" she testified.

"They said 'Grover,' and that's the first I heard of it. I didn't believe he was gone; I thought he would be back later. We waited until 11 o'clock that night and then we gave up hope."

**Linn Gale to Face Army
Court on Desertion Charge**

Linn A. E. Gale, Social Jet, publisher of radical magazines, and draft deserter, deported by Mexico, will be tried by court-martial at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was imprisoned following his deportation by Mexican authorities.

This announcement was made last night by Lieut. Col. J. P. Wilson, of the staff of Adjutant General P. G. Harris. Col. Wilson said that the trial will begin within a short time, and that a number of grave charges will be preferred against Gale in addition to that of desertion.

According to Col. Wilson, Gale was publishing an extremist magazine called "Gales Magazine" in New York at the time he was drafted in 1917. At that time he was charged with passing forged documents and postponement of his military service.

The army authorities charge that while in Mexico, Gale made overtures both to the German government and the Russian Soviet government to act as their agent and propagandist in Mexico and the United States.

**CITIZENS APPROVE
HERALD ARTICLES
ON CAR SITUATION**

**Brightwood Ass'n Also
Commends Return to
Prewar Price.**

Lauding the Herald's editorial discussion of the street car situation in Washington, William McK. Clayton, counsel of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, recommended, at a meeting last night of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, that an expression of appreciation be offered.

A suggestion that the editorials be printed in pamphlet form was unanimously adopted. With reference to the Herald's activities for Washington's betterment, an endorsement of the return to prewar prices for the sale of the paper was also passed.

Discusses School Situation.

Mr. Clayton also brought up the question of the attendance at Washington schools by children of non-resident parents. Quoting figures offered by school officials, he showed the amount of the burden upon District residents to be \$320,000 a year in the care of the 3,200 non-resident pupils. "Reciprocity is only on the side of the District, and by Maryland or Virginia," he said. Action upon the question by the Federation of Citizens' Associations was urged.

Indorses Ball Bill.

The Ball bill relating to the assistance of pawnbrokers and to the exclusion of the so-called "loach sharks" was indorsed.

The bill introduced in the House providing for the acquisition, ownership and operation by the District Commissioners of the street railways in Washington was opposed.

Charles W. Ray, president of the association, presided.

**MISSION SOCIETY
ELECTS OFFICERS**

**Baptist Women End Golden
Jubilee by Business
Meeting.**

The last day of the golden jubilee of the Atlantic district of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was given chiefly to business.

Election of officers resulted in the following: Mrs. H. H. Skerrett, of Philadelphia, president; Mrs. George W. Deane, of New Jersey, vice president; Mrs. W. Swift, of Philadelphia, vice president of home administration; Mrs. William E. Morris, of Pennsylvania, treasurer; Mrs. A. L. Kennedy, of New York, recording secretary. The board members from the District are Mrs. O. E. Howe, a three-year term, and Mrs. William H. Baker, a two-year term.

After the Atlantic district jubilee professional and a talk on "Our Jubilee Building," by Miss Julia R. Parrott, of Mandalay, Burma, the delegation went to the White House, where they were greeted by President Harding and Mrs. Harding.

The evening session was characterized by addresses from the various foreign representatives and telegraphic greetings from absent members. Mrs. Henry W. Feabody, of Beverly, Mass., made the concluding address.

**DISCUSS SCHOOL
AT TENALLYTOWN**

**Suburban Citizens Association
Wants Hearing by D. C.
Committee.**

A hearing before the House and Senate District Committees regarding the addition of an eight-room school building for Tennyaltown, to be erected at Wisconsin avenue and Grant Road northwest was recommended last night at a meeting of the Northwest Suburban Citizens' Association.

According to J. E. Kincer, who offered the recommendation, the District Commissioners had refused the recommendation of the building which was made some time ago by the Board of Education.

A request was received by the committee on fine arts to have Congress make improvements on Fort Reno which has been permitted to deteriorate. Fort Reno, which is built on the highest point in the District and which was made famous by Gen. Early, is located in Old Tennyaltown, Wisconsin avenue and Belt Road.

**COL. TRUESDELL'S
FUNERAL TODAY**

**Former Commissioner Was
Organizer of First Traction
Company.**

Funeral services of Col. George B. Truesdell, former District Commissioner, and organizer of the first traction company in the District, who died Thursday night at his apartment at the Altamont, Columbus road, and Wyoming avenue, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Church of the Epiphany.

The Rev. James Freeman, rector of the church, will conduct the services. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Members of the Loyal Legion and G. A. R., of which Col. Truesdell was a member, will attend the services.

Col. Truesdell was born in New York City and was educated for an engineering profession. He served in the civil war in the Twelfth New York Volunteers. He came to Washington in 1872, serving on the Board of District Commissioners from 1894 to 1897. In 1888 he organized the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company. It was largely through his efforts that the for the extension of the highway system outside of the city limits was passed.

The largest refracting telescope in the United States is in the Yerkes Observatory at Geneva Lake, Wis. It has an object lens 40 inches in diameter.

DOG HERO AND GIRL MISTRESS



Among the many features of the annual animal parade staged yesterday afternoon was the float carrying pretty Louise Johnson, daughter of Col. Johnson, and the famous war dog "Stubby." The little maiden and her war veteran dog captured the eyes of the many spectators along Pennsylvania avenue to the White House.

**LADDIE BOY TRIES
TO LEAVE PARADE**

**Strains at Leash When He
Hears Call of the
President.**

Only the restraining leash, held by Wilson Jackson, the colored master of the hounds at the White House, prevented "Laddie Boy," first dog of the land, who led the Humane Education Society parade yesterday, from leaping from his place, when President Harding, who reviewed the procession, called to the dog.

The Port Myer and Interior Department bands escorted the animals and their masters down the route of the parade. Laddie Boy's float, gorgeously decorated, on which rode Miss Isley Randall, was followed by Gen. Pershing's two steeds, Kedron and Jeff. "The Queen and her Court" float, bearing Miss Sonia Shearer, came next, followed by a float depicting "What animals give." "Mary's little Lamb," a school scene, and a float, "Instruments of Torture," exhibiting implements that have been used in the District to punish animals, followed.

Among the odd creatures to be seen was the only three-horned sheep in civilization and a pair of pigs, one weighing 800 pounds and the other a bare 1 1/2 pounds. Societies represented in the float were the Humane Society, National Society, Animal Rescue League, Junior Animal Rescue League and Washington Riding Academy.

Mrs. Clyde B. Parker was chairman and Mrs. Anthony Vitali secretary of the parade committee. The president of the Humane Society is H. T. Briggs.

**Priest's Flock Backs
Him in Bond Case**

NEW CHICAGO, Ind., May 13.—"Father Gorek did wrong, but we will stand by him."

This was how the parishioners of Rev. Father Anthony Gorek expressed their feelings today toward the priest who used a portion of a fortune in stolen Liberty bonds, which chance had thrown into his hands, to alleviate the needs of his flock.

A movement was on foot in the parish to raise the \$10,000 bond under which the priest is being held.

Navy Gives Conseloga Up.

A systematic search by fifteen vessels and aircraft has failed to reveal trace of the naval tug Conseloga, the Navy Department was advised yesterday. The Conseloga left Mare Island, Calif., March 25 for Samoa.

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EVERY DAY**

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**Condensed Statement of Condition as Reported
To the Comptroller of the Currency, April 28th, 1921**

RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and discounts.....\$1,559,049.01	Capital stock.....\$160,000.00
Bonds and investments.....139,999.52	Surplus.....40,000.00
Acceptances purchased.....33,000.00	Undivided profits.....33,606.09
Furniture and fixtures.....44,315.83	Reserve for interest.....3,000.00
Cash and due from banks.....119,246.45	DEPOSITS.....1,610,646.89
Customers' liability account acceptances executed.....11,000.00	Acceptances executed for customers.....11,000.00
Other assets.....1,642.17	Bills payable.....50,000.00
	\$1,908,252.98

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**MISS BOARDMAN
URGES SYSTEMATIC
FLOWER PLANTING**

**Former Commissioner
Has Plan to Beautify
District.**

Planting of flowers on a system which would permit the blooming of some through all seasons of the year was advocated by Miss Mabel T. Boardman, former District Commissioner, at the ladies' night meeting of the Washington Chapter of the American Association of Engineers, at 1519 New York avenue northwest, last night.

Miss Boardman was enthusiastic in her praise for Washington, but insisted the use of flowers and shrubbery would put the touch on the District which would class it above all other cities.

The District government was praised by the former Commissioner as being aloof from politics. She suggested, however, the unification of civic bodies under the heading of a civic council to include all classes and trades for a more perfect jurisdictional balance.

Mrs. Helen S. Gardner, Civil Service Commissioner, and Morris Blevins, director of the association, were other speakers.

**Troops Receive Orders
To Prepare to Entrain**

CAMP SHERMAN, Ohio, May 13.—Orders were received today for Federal forces here to be prepared to move into Mingo County, West Virginia, to quell guerilla warfare.

Maj. Gen. Reed, commander of the Fifth Army Corps area, notified Col. Herman Hall, commander, to hold the Nineteenth Infantry Regiment in readiness. The regiment's strength is 575 men, and includes rifles, trench mortars, howitzers, motor, and medical sections.

Trains were waiting here to transport the troops on a moment's notice.

**Judge DeLacy
Blames "Movie
Mad" Mothers**

"The mother who goes to the 'movies' is blamed as a potent factor in child delinquency by former Judge William H. DeLacy, of the Juvenile Court. In a talk before the Knights of Columbus evening school last night.

"In a large city like Washington the poor child is sorely tempted by many things that he sees but has no means of ever possessing. If he lacks moral stamina he will succumb and steal the piece of candy or what ever may have tempted him," said the Judge.

"Contributing to make the child criminal is the mother who goes to the 'movies' instead of staying home and training the child in the things he should know," he said.

Tomorrow!

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The year has been one of uninterrupted growth and splendid achievement—made possible by your generous patronage and cooperation, for which we thank you most cordially.

Through helpful service to our customers (large and small alike) we trust that we shall merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

The appended figures are most convincing and tell the whole story of Mount Vernon GROWTH THROUGH SERVICE.

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